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Q Well, Andy Young was implying that they were in the last year.

A I just don't have the information, Roy, that would allow me to answer that question.

Q Can you take that question?

A Yes.

Q And whether there were Zairians going in or Angolans going to Zaire who were fighting against the government?

A Again, I will do what I can. I don't promise that I'll be able to give you much information on it.

Q John, on South America?

A Did you have a question on Africa?

Q Yes. On the SWAPO rejection of the Western plan, do you have a response to that?

A I think first of all, it's been indicated in reports about SWAPO's intentions that they intend to reject the Western Five's proposal. I would first point out that this has not, in fact, happened, and we hope that it will not happen. And we hope that SWAPO will accept the Western Five's proposal which we believe provides the basis for a peaceful internationally acceptable transition to independence in Namibia.

I would just like to tack onto that the observation that that Western Five proposal provides for SWAPO to freely and fully participate in the political process in Namibia.

Q Where is Ambassador McHenry?

A I don't know.

Q Is he in Africa?

A I'll just have to find out. I don't know.

Q On South America?

A Yes.

Q The Los Angeles Times has reported that the Government of Guyana recently put a California investigative reporter and editor's wife into protective custody because she went there to investigate complaints that an American

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Disciples of Christ clergyman named Jim Jones, the former head of the San Francisco housing authority who has met with several Democratic Party leaders, including Mrs. Carter, is mind-programming a thousand people, mainly children, in a jungle encampment called Johnstown. I was wondering, is the State Department aware of this?

A The State Department may be. I am not.

Q I'd like to follow that up if you could take this question because her husband, the editor, told the Los Angeles Times that the U.S. Consulate in Georgetown told him that his wife would get an armed guard to the airport, and he also said, "I can only conjecture that the government there and the State Department are concerned about avoiding an incident."

This is somewhat unusual because usually when you go to interview missionaries overseas you don't need armed guards. So I would be very grateful, John, if you could take this question. I've got the clip from the L.A. Times that somebody sent me here, and I've seen this man operate in San Francisco.

A I'll just have to find out what we know about it.

Q Thanks very much.

A I've just gotten a note here that goes back to the first topic of this briefing. The Department of Commerce has given preliminary approval of the sale of the Daedalus equipment to the Peoples Republic of China. This is subject to the review by the countries members of COCOM.

Q Who belongs to that?

MR. CANNON: European countries plus Japan.

MR. TRATTNER: Thank you, Jack.

Q NATO?

MR. CANNON: Yes.

MR. TRATTNER: Anything else?

Q No. Thank you.

(Briefing concluded at 12:53 p.m.)

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